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CONTROL ON THE PRODUCTION OF CAPTIVE COAL BLOCKS
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government exercises any control on the production of Captive Coal Blocks entrusted to the private sector;

(b) if so, the details of the rules framed by the Government in this regard; (c) whether any demand has been made for imposing more tax and recovery of royalty on production and marketing of coal by the private sector;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Mining of coal from captive coal blocks allocated to private companies would also be subject to the same legal and regulatory framework as is applicable in the case of public sector coal mining companies. Coal mining would be subject to, inter alia, the provisions of the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, the Mines Act, the Coal Mines (Conservation and Development) Act, the Coal Mines Regulations, the Mineral Concession Rules, and all other mineral, forest, environment, and labour laws governing the mining activity.

(c)&(d): There are suggestions received from a Member of Parliament to the effect that coal blocks allocated to private sector should be subjected to higher rates of royalty and taxes, based on production of coal.

(e): No decision has been taken in this regard.